

11 ALFRED LAM, et al.,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 THE CITY & COUNTY OF SAN
15 FRANCISCO, et al.,

16 Defendants.

Case No. 4:10-cv-04641-PJH (LB)

**ORDER DENYING WITHOUT
PREJUDICE THE PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION TO COMPEL FILED ON
AUGUST 6, 2015**

[Re: ECF No. 141]

17 Judge Hamilton referred all discovery disputes in this case to the undersigned. (6/6/2012
18 Minute Order, ECF No. 48.¹) The court previously told the parties that they must comply with the
19 undersigned's standing order when bringing discovery disputes to the court's attention. (Notice of
20 Referral, ECF No. 50 (attaching standing order); 7/23/2015 Order, ECF No. 132 at 6 (stating that
21 the parties must meet and confer regarding discovery disputes and may thereafter file a joint letter
22 brief).) The parties may not file formal discovery motions. Instead, the standing order requires the
23 parties to meet and confer in an attempt to resolve their discovery disputes, and if they cannot
24 resolve them, to file a joint letter brief.

25 Nonetheless, on August 6, 2015, the plaintiffs filed a motion to compel the defendants to

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1 respond to their interrogatories, requests for admission, and request for production of documents.
2 (Motion to Compel, ECF No. 141 at 2-3.) They also ask for more time to respond to the
3 defendants' discovery. (*Id.* at 3.) The plaintiffs also improperly noticed the motion for hearing on
4 August 13, 2015 in violation of Civil Local Rule 7-2(a), which provides that, “[e]xcept as
5 otherwise ordered or permitted by the assigned Judge or these Local Rules, and except for motions
6 made during the course of a trial or hearing, all motions must be filed, served and noticed in
7 writing on the motion calendar of the assigned Judge for hearing not less than 35 days after filing
8 of the motion.”

9 The court denies without prejudice the plaintiffs' motion to compel because they did not
10 comply with the standing order (attached).

11 This disposes of ECF No. 141.

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

13 Dated: August 10, 2015



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LAUREL BEELER
United States Magistrate Judge